



NEWSLETTER

20th November 2023

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Note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks for your kind generosity last Friday for Children In Need with their 'Spotacular' theme.

With the end of 2023 coming fast, please also add to your diary the school's annual Christmas Fayre, which will be on Saturday 2nd December at the Station Road, Main Site.

Please also keep giving your contributions to our curriculum survey, on how to enhance our provision to celebrate our diverse community. The link is below again.



<https://forms.office.com/e/UrpCaE805P>

Kindest Regards,

Mr N. Whitehouse

Attendance News

Attendance for the week 13th-17th Nov 2023

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Lates</u>
Reception	94.4%	5
Y1	94.2%	18
Y2	95.3%	6
Y3	95.2%	4
Y4	96.9%	5
Y5	94.7%	7
Y6	95.5%	7

Happy Pupils Succeed

We really believe in our motto and want our pupils to be happy at school. The vast majority of our pupils come to school excited to learn and see their friends. If your child is ever reluctant to come to school please do not be tempted to think "a day off doesn't do any harm"... we need to work out why and put a plan in place to solve it. Children need to understand that they do not get a choice about when they come to school but that grown ups at home and school can help them solve any problems they have. Your child's class teacher is the best first contact but Miss Hussain (Annex), Mrs Quadri (main Site) and Mrs Hallam (both sites) are also happy to get involved to support you in maximising your child's attendance so we can also maximise their happiness and learning.

**Research shows
that pupils who
attend school
regularly are more
likely to do well in
the future.**



Book Advent



Rather than a traditional advent calendar this year Harborne Primary School would like to try something a little different: Book Advent!

Here's where we need your help. We are asking each child to select an age-appropriate book from home that they once loved but no longer need. Then bring it into school, ideally wrapped up in wrapping paper please.

Class teachers will then number the book parcels and organise distribution throughout the school days in December. The idea being that each pupil in each class brings home a pre-loved book to enjoy over the Christmas holidays.

Pupils might like to pop a little note in the book they donate saying what they enjoyed about it or a brief plot outline.

If you would like to donate any extra books, these also would be gratefully received.

Please send your books in by the 29th November.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Head Bumps

As you are aware we have modified our practice around head bumps. We feel that the use of wristbands as recommended on our training update is clear and helpful. We wanted to clarify the significance of the two coloured bands and how we use them.

To re-cap, both yellow and orange bands warn all adults to watch out for signs of concussion- yellow is not necessarily “less serious”. The only difference is that orange means parents have already been contacted.

When a child presents with a bumped head three factors need to be considered by First Aid staff. This helps them decide to call parents immediately which in turn means whether to use a yellow band or an orange one.

These are the three factors in order of importance.

- 1) How the child is presenting... are they crying? calm? looking clammy? Can they talk and respond normally? Is there a visible mark or bump at all? All this will be monitored while they are in First Aid with an ice pack on the injury.
- 2) What do we know about how the injury occurred? Do we know what they bumped their head on? Did they fall from a height? Does a reliable witness say it looked like a “bad fall” even if the child is making light of it?
- 3) What is happening between time of injury and time child gets back to parents? So for example if the accident occurs at 3pm we are much less likely to phone parents if we know they will be picking up the child in twenty minutes anyway and we can speak to them face to face then. However if the child was due to attend an after school sports club we would be more likely to call them.

So as you can see there is a lot to consider! First Aiders are only able to deal with what is apparent at the time. A yellow band tells our staff to keep monitoring and so you may get a call later on that day to say that your child is now complaining of feeling sick or having a headache.

We do **not** have a blanket rule that a visible mark leads to a call and no mark means no call but you can expect that information about the head bump will be communicated to you by phone, face to face or by the presence of a slip on the day it happens.





Christmas Concert at St Mary's Church

We would like to invite you to our Christmas Concert on Tuesday 5th December, 6.00pm at St Mary's Church, Vivian Road, Harborne.

Children from Key Stage Two choirs (Annex and main Site), the Junior Ukulele Band, a selection of our talented musicians and the Staff Choir will be taking part; we also have some of our Year 6 children giving readings. The concert will last for approximately one hour.

Participants need to arrive at the Church from 5.30pm and no later than 5.45pm.

Photography is allowed so long as it does not distract the children as they perform, **but we must ask that pictures are NOT published on any social media in respect of other children's privacy.**

We would also ask that if younger children become unsettled, that they are not allowed to run around in the church but are taken into the foyer so that the performers are not **distracted, and the concert is not disrupted for others.**

It promises to be a wonderful evening judging by the rehearsals so far! The children have been working extra hard to make sure we are ready, and I know you will all enjoy hearing them perform. We hope to see you there!





Achievement Assembly Certificate Winners - w/e 17/11/2023

REC	Vedanshi Gupta	Owen Tahiraj
RGD	Arthur Gauge-Klein	Atrina Zare
ROC	Halima Rahman Khan	Luther Chi Fung Thompson
RDT	Zayna Amir	Henry Hyland
1M	William Connolly	Ethan Evans-Southall
1OQ	Tai Yu Fung	Srithejas Sachin
1G	Faris Alarabiyat	Teo Nezeri
1B	Jamila Alhamali	Pharrell Palmer
2P	Jack Salt	Anvika Vivek
2O	Farida Amer	Edith Clifford
2OB	Lucas Dutrieu	Aarvin Singh
2SF	Maci-Leigh Davis	Alaya Kasim
3PR	Felix Hall	
3S	Callum Frayne	Sebastian Lyness
3E	Amelie Bovey	
3D	Marcus Ma	
4W	Sareeb Khames	
4GV	Ali Dosani	Isabel Ross
4NB	Isabella Brettell	
4RB	Levi Drake	
5LM	Whole Class	
5BC	Leila Roden-Livesey	
5C	Niya Patel	
5B	Jehmima Azim	
6D	Kuade Walker	
6KP	Bluebell Preece	
6J	Diyor Patel	



Dates in the Diary

Fri 24th Nov	2.00pm - Annex Tour (prospective parents)
Fri 24th Nov	Friends Film Club
Fri 1st Dec	Year 4 Christmas Adventure at St John's
Sat 2nd Dec	Christmas Fair
Mon 4th Dec	2.00pm — Y1 to perform songs to senior citizens from St Johns
Wed 6th Dec	Reception post letters to Father Christmas (MS/Annex)
Tues 12th Dec	9.15am — ROC and 1OQ Christmas Songs (main site)
Tues 12th Dec	9.15am — RTD Christmas Songs (Annex)
Tues 12th Dec	1.40pm - Y2 Nativity (Main site)
Wed 13th Dec	9.15am — REC and 1G Christmas Songs (Main site)
Wed 13th Dec	9.30am - Years 1 and 2 Nativity (annex)
Wed 13th Dec	1.40pm Y2 Nativity (main site)
Thurs 14th Dec	9.15am — RGD and 1B Christmas Songs (Main site)
Thurs 14th Dec	1.40pm Y2 Nativity (main site)
Thurs 14th Dec	1.45pm Years 1 and 2 Nativity (annex)
Fri 22nd Dec	Last day of school - Break up for Christmas
Mon 8th Jan	TED Day
Tues 9th Jan	School re-opens for all children



FRIENDS OF HARBORNE PRIMARY NEWS

CHRISTMAS FAIR

2ND DEC 1-4 PM

The Christmas fair is in less than two weeks and we have some amazing stalls and activities planned for everyone to enjoy. We would love more helpers on the day if you can help out please join the what's app group by scanning the QR code.



NON UNIFORM DAY

There will be a non uniform day on Friday 1st of December, in exchange for the children coming in in non uniform they should bring in a small tombola prize per family.



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FILM CLUB 24TH NOV

Children will go to film club straight from their class and can be picked up after. Main site 5.40 Annex 5.30. Children get a snack bag with the purchase of a ticket.

SANTAS GROTTO



Santa will be visiting the fair tickets are limited so please book early to Avoid disappointment. Both grotto tickets and film club tickets can be brought by scanning the QR code.



CHRISTMAS CARDS



If you'd like to buy your cards and gifts please remember to order by 8th of December at the latest. 30% of your order cost goes to the school.



FREE SEND COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT EVENT

📍 Wobbly Wobbly World of Play,
425 Walsall Rd, Birmingham,
B42 1BT

Buses 51, x51, 52 all stop near
the venue and are accessible
from the city centre and Perry
Barr train station.

**Birmingham Parent Carer Forum would like to
invite you to Wobbly Wobbly World of Play on
Wednesday 29th November 2023, 9:30AM - 2:00PM**

- Come meet the team and hear about our latest activities.
- Find out ways to get involved and stay informed with the forum
- We want to hear your ideas for the forum's future growth.

Learn about SEND voluntary services available to you and your family in Birmingham and how they can support you.

Tea, coffee and biscuits on arrival and a free buffet lunch will be provided to both you and your child/young person.

Your child is welcome to join you and can access the soft play area free of charge (Age limit 11) however child care will not be available on the day.



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